

The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal & Review met at their headquarters located at 1 Regan Court, Varley Building #46, in Cranston, RI on Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at 1:00 P.M. Present were Chairman Coutu, Vice Chairman Newbrook and Commissioners Blackburn, Jackson, Jasparro, Pearson, Walker, Filippi and Dias. Also present were Executive Director Thomas Coffey and Deputy Director Carol Marsella. The following cases were heard.

APPEAL #080333: Cerce Group. For the property located at 143 Westminster Street, Providence. ADSFM Lisa Krapf appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Newbrook, to approve the proposed change of use to include assembly on the third floor. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #060109A: 55 Elmhurst Avenue, Providence (St. Pius School)

APPEAL #060127A: 155 Gordon Avenue, Providence (Bishop McVinney School)

APPEAL #060122C: 1210 Mendon Road, Woonsocket (Good Shepherd Regional School)

APPEAL #040194A: 55 Turner Avenue, East Providence (St. Brendan School)

APPEAL #060124A: 927 Atwood Avenue, Johnston (St. Rocco School)

APPEAL #050901A: 244 Smith Street, Providence (St. Patrick School)

APPEAL #060126A: 239 Regent Avenue, Providence (Blessed Sacrament School)

APPEAL #040282A: 85 Chester Avenue, Cranston (St. Mary School)

APPEAL #040236A: 1301 Elmwood Avenue, Cranston (St. Matthew School)

APPEAL #060105A: 56 Purchase Street, East Providence (Sacred Heart School)

APPEAL #060123A: 17 John Street, West Warwick (Christ the Redeemer Academy)

APPEAL #060107A: 43 Poplar Drive, Cranston (Cranston-Johnston Catholic Regional)

The Diocese of Providence, for the properties listed above. Appearing for the municipalities were ADSFM Lisa Krapf, ADSFM Richard Vespia, ADSFM James Bellamy, ADSFM David Beaubien, ADSFM Glenn Bathgate and ADSFM Albert Heroux. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Newbrook, to extend the time variances, previously granted to the above schools, to March 3, 2009. At that time the above schools will return with a plan of action for these facilities. The motion passed with Commissioner Preiss abstaining from the vote.

APPEAL #080327: Claire Ferguson, for the property located at 660 Woonasquatucket Avenue, North Providence. Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshals Unsworth and Horan appeared for the North Providence Fire Marshal's office. Vice Chairman Newbrook made a motion,

seconded by Commissioners Dias and Jackson, to approve the requested variances, and to direct the Applicant to enclose or fire rate the rear exit from the basement at the direction and to the satisfaction of the North Providence Fire Marshal's office. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #080336: Ms. Leslie Drozdowski, for the property located at 1626 Main Street, West Warwick. ADSFM Albert Heroux appeared for the West Warwick Fire Marshal's office. Vice Chairman Newbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Walker and Filippi, to grant the following relief. Deficiency #5 is informational and not a violation of the code. The Applicant is granted a variance, based on structural hardship, for deficiency #6. The Applicant is granted a time variance of sixty (60) days in which to correct all other deficiencies listed in the September 13, 2007 inspection report, and authorizes the West Warwick Fire Marshal's office the ability to extend the above deadlines for good cause shown. The motion passed over the opposition vote of Commissioner Dias.

APPEAL #080328: Mr. Thomas Guerra, for the property located at 25 Holden Street, Providence. Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshals Vespia, Lutz and Silva appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office. Vice Chairman Newbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Walker and Dias, to authorize the Providence Fire Marshal's office to approve the installation of a compliant temporary fire alarm system, installed at the direction and to the satisfaction of

the Providence Fire Marshal's office. The Applicant is directed to follow the building code guidelines for vacant buildings. The Applicant is granted a time variance until February 1, 2009 in which to make the above installations. The Providence Fire Marshal's office is granted the authority to extend the above timeline for good faith efforts shown on the part of the Applicant. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #R070022: First Bristol Corporation, for the property located at 58 Weybosset Street in Providence. Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshal's Vespia, Lutz and Silva appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Jackson recused himself from consideration of this case. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jasparro, to grant the Providence Fire Marshal's office the authority to issue a temporary certificate of occupancy for the facility, with a time limit of forty-five (45) days. The motion was unanimous.

Under old business, the East Providence Fire Marshal's office brought a request for interpretation. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Filippi, to approve that municipality's plan of action for the cited gasoline pumps in that city. The motion passed with Commissioner Walker recusing himself from consideration of the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Marsella

Deputy Director